


1. Classify each of the following differential equations in terms of its linearity and specify its order:

- (a)  $y' + x^2y = xe^x$ .
- (b)  $y^{(3)} + 4y'' - 5y' + 3y = \sin x$ .
- (c)  $x^2dy + y^2dx = 0$ .
- (d)  $y^{(4)} + 3(y'')^5 + 5y = 0$ .
- (e)  $y'' + y \sin x = 0$ .
- (f)  $y'' + x \sin y = 0$ .
- (g)  $\frac{d^6x}{dt^6} + \left(\frac{d^4x}{dt^4}\right)\left(\frac{d^3x}{dt^3}\right) + x = t$ .
- (h)  $\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^3 = \sqrt{\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + 1}$ .

2. (a) Show that the function  $(1+x^2)^{-1}$  is a solution of the ODE  $(1+x^2)y'' + 4xy' + 2y = 0$  in every open interval  $I \subset \mathbb{R}$ .
- (b) Show that  $x^3 + 3xy^2 = 1$  is an implicit solution of the ODE  $2xyy' + x^2 + y^2 = 0$  in the interval  $(0, 1)$ .
3. (a) Show that the *one* parameter family of functions  $(x^3 + c)e^{-3x}$  is a solution of the *first* order ODE  $y' + 3y = 3x^2e^{-3x}$ .
- (b) Show that the *three* parameter family of functions  $c_1e^{2x} + c_2xe^{2x} + c_3e^{-2x}$  is a solution of the *third* order ODE  $y^{(3)} - 2y'' - 4y' + 8y = 0$ .
- (c) Determine the values of  $m$  such that  $u(x) := e^{mx}$  is a solution of the ODE  $y^{(3)} - 3y'' - 4y' + 12y = 0$ .
4. (a) Show that  $y = (x + c)^{-1}$  is a family of solution for the nonlinear ODE  $y' + y^2 = 0$ .
- (b) Find the particular solution and the interval on which the particular solution is valid corresponding to the initial conditions:
- i.  $y(0) = 5$ .
  - ii.  $y(2) = -1/5$ .

5. (a) Show that the BVP

$$\begin{cases} y'' + y = 0 \\ y(0) = 0 \\ y(\pi) = 1 \end{cases}$$

has no solution of the form  $y(x) := \alpha_1 \sin x + \alpha_2 \cos x$ . (The fact  that this BVP has no solution will follow from later lectures!)

- (b) Show that there exists a  $h > 0$  such that the IVP

$$\begin{cases} y' = x^2 \sin y \\ y(1) = -2 \end{cases}$$

admits a unique solution in the interval  $|x - 1| \leq h$ .

6. Analyse the existence and uniqueness of solution for the IVP

$$\begin{cases} (x^2 - 2x)y' = 2(x - 1)y \\ y(x_0) = y_0. \end{cases}$$

7. Let  $I \subset \mathbb{R}$  be an open interval and  $Q : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a continuous function. 

- (a) Show that  $y \equiv 0$  on  $I$  is a solution of the linear homogeneous ODE  $y' + Q(x)y = 0$ .
- (b) Show that if  $u$  is a solution of the ODE such that  $u(x_0) = 0$  for some  $x_0 \in I$  then  $u \equiv 0$  on  $I$ .
- (c) If  $u$  and  $v$  are two solutions of the ODE such that  $u(x_0) = v(x_0)$  for some  $x_0 \in I$  then  $u(x) = v(x)$  for all  $x \in I$ .
- (d) Show that the set of all solutions of  $y' + Q(x)y = 0$  in  $I$  form a vector space over  $\mathbb{R}$ . Can a similar conclusion be made for any  $k$ -th order linear homogeneous ODE?
- (e) What is the dimension of the vector space of solutions of  $y' + Q(x)y = 0$ ?